



**National Park Service**  
**U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Hopewell Furnace**  
**National Historic Site**

2 Mark Bird Lane  
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**Superintendent's Compendium**  
 Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
 Requirements and Other  
 Restrictions Imposed Under  
 Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

**PARK SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS**

*Historic Complex* is the area of the park south of the Reading-Valley Forge Road at the Visitor Center, north of the Boarding House gate, west of Route 345 and east of the Hopewell Furnace NHS/French Creek State Park boundary beginning at a line established by the School House Ruins and the Collier's Hut.

**36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:**

Visiting Hours:

- Mark Bird Lane and the Visitor Center area parking lots are closed to public vehicular use between 5:00 pm and 9:00 am daily, except during those times when a permitted or park sponsored event is occurring.
- The Visitor Center is closed to public access from 5:00 pm to 9:00 am daily except during those

times when a permitted or park sponsored event is occurring.

- The Historic Complex is closed to visitation from 5:00 pm to 9:00 am daily except during those times when a permitted or park sponsored event is occurring.
- The park is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday (observed date), President's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

*These visiting hours were determined to be in the best interests of the park and are necessary for the proper management of the park.*

Closures:

- The following roads are closed to all public motor vehicular use:
  - Reading-Valley Forge Road
  - Warwick-Birdsboro Road
  - All Maintenance access roads

*These closures are based on the determination that the use of motor vehicles on the Reading-Valley Forge Road and the Birdsboro-Warwick Road would be inappropriate based on the historic nature of those areas of the park. Motor vehicles would also pose a safety hazard to pedestrian traffic on those dirt and gravel roadways. The use of motor vehicles on Maintenance access roads, also dirt and gravel roadways, would pose a safety hazard to both the public and to employees due to the unpaved surface of the road and the nature of operations (i.e. use of heavy equipment and the movement of various loads).*

- The following areas are closed to public access at all times:
  - Park Maintenance buildings and associated fenced areas. *These areas must be closed for the safety of the public and the security of the operation.*
  - The barnyard and pasture arrears are closed to public access at all times. *These areas must be closed for public safety as farm animals have the potential to act in an unpredictable manner and the ability to injure members of the visiting public.*
  - All buildings used as government residences and their immediate grounds, specifically Nathan Care House, John Church House, Lloyd House, and Tenant House 3. *These areas are closed because they are rented from the government for personal use as residences and the occupants have a reasonable expectation of privacy in these structures and immediate grounds.*
- The Historic Complex and all park buildings are closed to Segway use.

*This closure is based on the determination that the use of Segways in the Historic Complex and in park buildings is inappropriate due to the rough and uneven surfaces, which would create a control hazard and pose a safety risk to Segway operators and the general public. Park buildings are also closed to this use because of narrow historic doorways and limited space in the buildings.*

- The Historic Complex is closed to horse drawn vehicles except those used in interpretive programs.

*This closure is based on the determination that the use of horse drawn vehicles by the general public could cause a safety hazard to other visitors in the Historic Complex.*

- Engaging in recreational activities that interfere with or detract from the use and appreciation of historic resources in the Historic Complex area, Visitor Center area and other areas used for interpretive activities are prohibited. These activities include, but are not limited to, kite flying, ball playing, frisbee throwing and skating.

*This closure is based on the determination that certain recreational activities such as described above would be inappropriate in certain areas of the park due to the historic nature and setting of those areas.*

- Food and Drink are prohibited in the Ironmaster's House except during authorized events.

*This closure is based on the determination that food and drink will be prohibited in the Ironmaster's House in order to protect historic buildings and artifacts from damage caused by spills as well as damage caused by increased insect activity as a result of increased food sources created by crumbs and spills.*

- The Historic Complex is closed to all bicycle use.

*This closure is based on the determination that the use of bicycles is inappropriate in the Historic Complex area of the park due to the historic setting and concern for the safety of the visiting public.*

- The following activities are prohibited in all areas of the park:
  - The operation of motorized toys, including model airplanes, cars or other types is prohibited. *This closure is based on the determination that the operation of certain mechanisms such as those described above is inappropriate in the park due the historic setting and the concern for the safety of park resources and the visiting public.*
  - The launching of model rockets is prohibited. *This closure is based on the determination that the launching of model rockets is inappropriate in the park due the historic setting and also to reduce the potential for fire in the historic areas and surrounding fields and woodlands.*
  - The feeding of park farm animals is prohibited except under the supervision of park staff. *This closure is based on the determination that the feeding of park farm animals is inappropriate due to a concern for the health and safety of the animals and the safety of the visiting public.*
  - Camping is prohibited in the park at all times. See also 36 CFR § 2.10 of this document. *This closure is based on the determination that the park does not contain the facilities to accommodate campers.*

**(a)(2) The following areas are designated for a specific use or activity and/or the following conditions or restrictions are imposed on a specific use or activity:**

Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below.

- Mark Bird Lane
- Clement Brooke Lane

- Bethesda Road
- Harrison-Lloyd Road (Green Lane)
- Hopewell Road
- PA Route 345
- Park Road
- Shed Road

### **36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

Activities requiring a permit are listed above under Public Use Limits and throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.

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Applications for permits for the above-listed activities can be obtained at the park Visitor Center during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

### **36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**(a)(4) Using or possessing wood gathered from within the park area is prohibited.**

**Under, §2.1(a) collecting natural materials from the park is generally prohibited. However, pursuant to §2.1(c), the following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or possession and consumption restrictions:**

- Black walnut gathering is limited to one-half bushel per person per day. Raspberry, blackberry and wineberry gathering is limited to one gallon per person per day total (all berries combined).
- Park employees and registered park volunteers may gather a limited amount of apples in order that they may become familiar with the varieties and quality of the apples.
- All other apple gathering must be by first checking in at the Visitor Center. Gathered apples will be paid for at a rate established that season. A receipt will be available at the Visitor Center desk for all apples purchased.

*Based on information from individuals knowledgeable in the field of park resources and review of state and federal law, the Superintendent has determined that the gathering, use or consumption of the above – listed natural products at the indicated quantity will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproduction potential of plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.*

### **36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

(d) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- Viewing of wildlife by means of an artificial light (spot lighting) is not permitted anywhere in Hopewell Furnace NHS.

### **36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING**

Fishing is permitted subject to 36 CFR 7.40 and the laws and regulations of the Pennsylvania.

### **36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS**

- 18 U.S.C. § 930 prohibits the possession of firearms in “federal facilities,” which are defined as “buildings or parts thereof owned or leased by the federal government, where federal employees are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties.” These places are marked with signs at public entrances.
- Park visitors who can legally possess and carry firearms under federal, state, and local law are allowed to carry them in the park. The role of the responsible gun owner is to know and obey the federal, state, and local laws appropriate to the park they are visiting.
- Weapons cannot be used in the park except by authorized federal, state, or local law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.
- Traps and nets are not permitted in the park

### **36 CFR §2.5 – RESEARCH SPECIMENS**

**(a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals is prohibited except in accordance with other regulations of Chapter I of 36 CFR or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit. Applications for research permits are available at the park visitor center during normal business hours.**

### **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

**(a) Camping is allowed in the following designated sites or areas and is subject to the following established conditions:**

- Camping is prohibited in the park at all times. See also 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

There are no designated areas closed to picnicking.

### **36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES**

**(a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in nondeveloped areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.**

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except in the following areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

#### Designated Areas:

- Fires are allowed in the picnic area adjacent to the upper parking lot provided that they are self-contained and in charcoal grills or UL approved propane or gasoline stoves/grills.

#### Receptacles Allowed:

- All fires must be in self-contained charcoal grills or UL approved propane or gasoline stoves/grills.

#### Established Conditions for Fires:

- Charcoal from charcoal grills must be disposed of in designated receptacles.
- Open fires and ground fires are not permitted except in conjunction with living history demonstrations and activities.

### **36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE**

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:

- Disposal of human body waste is limited to fixtures provided for that purpose in all areas of the park.

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) Possessing pets in public buildings, public transportation vehicles, and the following structures and/or areas is prohibited:**

- Possession of pets is prohibited in all public use buildings within the park. This prohibition does not apply to guide dogs accompanying visually impaired persons, hearing ear dogs accompanying hearing impaired persons or other service dogs accompanying other disabled persons.

**(a)(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited, except in the following areas and/or under the following conditions:**

- Pets may be tied to the “Pooch Post” outside of the main entrance to the Visitor Center only while the pet’s owners are inside the building or in the immediate area.

**(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:**

- Pet excrement shall be removed from picnic areas, exhibit areas, trails, trace roads and other areas with heavy public use.

**(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:**

- Park residents may keep pets in accordance with the park Pet Policy.

**36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS**

**(b) The use of horses or pack animals is prohibited outside of the following trails, routes or areas designated for their use:**

- Horses or other saddle and pack animals may be ridden on public road shoulders, agricultural fields that are not in production, fields not in use for agriculture, mowed paths through meadows or on trails designated for horse use. No new trails may be established, nor may horses be ridden or led in places closed to horseback riding.
- Horse drawn carriages, wagons and sleighs may be used on Mark Bird Lane, all state and county roads within the park boundary. They may not be driven on fields or trails. When using park roads, horse drawn vehicles must bear markings and safety equipment in accordance with state law.

**(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:**

- Horse trailers may only be parked in the Upper Visitor Center parking lot.
- Riding or hitching horses, saddle or pack animals in such a way so as to destroy, injure, deface or disturb any historic structure, ruins, remains or earthwork is prohibited.

**36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY**

There are no areas designated for operating or using aircraft in the park.

**(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent.**

**36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES**

(c) All snowmobile use is prohibited in the park.

**36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES**

**(a) Skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, sledding, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter sports are prohibited on park roads and in parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic.**

**36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES**

Skating, skateboards, roller skis, inline skates and other similar devices are prohibited except that park residents may use them in the non-public areas immediately adjacent to their quarters.

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- Smoking is prohibited in the Historic Complex and all park buildings except that park residents may smoke in their government owned residence in accordance with the park's housing management plan.

*This restriction is based on a determination that smoking will be prohibited in the park as described above in order to protect park resources and reduce the risk of fire in the Historic Complex of the park.*

### **36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

Property may not be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours unless specific permission has been granted by the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- The Historic Complex, Visitor Center and Bethesda Church are closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages, except during authorized events.

*This restriction is based on the determination that the use of alcoholic beverages in the Historic Village and Bethesda Church areas of the park would be inappropriate in these historic settings. There is potential for serious accidents directly related to the consumption of alcohol in these areas due to a multitude of uneven walking surfaces, historic stairs and walkways and low headroom areas.*

*It was further recognized that social gatherings within the area of the Visitor Center and its associated parking lots for the purpose of consuming alcohol is inappropriate and a serious safety concern for the safe and efficient flow of traffic in the area.*

### **36 CFR §2.37 – NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING**

**Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions or a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.**

### **36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES**

(a) Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(b) Using, or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

### **36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS**

(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and a permit therefor has been issued by the superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS**

(b) Demonstrations of 25 people or less are allowed within the park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2). Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

(c)(2) The following location is designated as available for demonstrations:

- The area directly above the upper parking lot per map detailed in Compendium Appendix A.

### **36 CFR §2.52 -- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by 25 people or less is allowed within the park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above). The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit.

### **36 CFR §2.60 – LIVESTOCK USE AND AGRICULTURE**

(a) Livestock are only permitted in park areas pursuant to the conditions in §2.60(a) and only pursuant to the terms and conditions of a license, permit, or lease.

Livestock use and agricultural activities may be conducted in areas designated on the map in Appendix C as Agricultural Fields 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16.

### **36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS**

(a) Residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands, is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit lease or contract.

### **36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains. The request for the permit will stipulate time, place, number of participants, use of park facilities and any other special considerations requested. Scattering must be done so that the ashes are not recognizable as the remains of a human.

### **36 CFR §3.8 – BOATING OPERATIONS**

(a)(2) Launching or recovering a vessel is prohibited, as there are no designated launch sites within the park.

There are no areas in Hopewell Furnace NHS for boating or water use activities.

### **36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES**

(b) There are no designated off-road routes or areas within Hopewell Furnace NHS. Driving off designated roads and areas is prohibited except by NPS employees operating government owned vehicles, by Federal, State and local cooperating agencies, and by service and utility vehicles, when it is necessary for the protection, maintenance and operation of park resources and facilities and is authorized by the Superintendent.

(c)(1) Track-laying motor vehicles, or other motor vehicles equipped with a similar traction device may be operated on the following routes under the terms and conditions noted:

- There are no track laying motor vehicle routes designated within Hopewell Furnace NHS.

### **36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS**

(a) Load, weight and size restrictions shall be accordance with Pennsylvania State Law, 67 PA Code 179. A permit is required to operate vehicles which exceed the designated load, weight and size restrictions.

### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

(a) Park area speed limits are as follows:

(1) 15 miles per hour: within all school zones, campgrounds, picnic areas, parking areas, utility areas, business or residential areas, other places of public assemblage and at

emergency scenes.

(2) 25 miles per hour: upon sections of park road under repair or construction.

(3) 45 miles per hour: upon all other park roads.

(b) The speed limit on Mark Bird Lane is set at 25 mph. The speed limit set for in paragraph (a) of this section is determined to be unreasonable/unsafe/inconsistent with the purposes for which the park area was established.

#### **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES**

(a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads and in parking areas. There are no paved park roads or parking areas closed to bicycle use. Bicycle use is prohibited in the Historic Village.

(d)(3) Riding a bicycle abreast of another rider is prohibited except on roadways not open to public motorized vehicle use.

#### **36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING**

Hitchhiking is not permitted in the park.

#### **36 CFR §5.1 – ADVERTISEMENTS**

Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent.

#### **36 CFR §5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, except as such may be specifically authorized under special regulations applicable to a park area, is prohibited.

#### **36 CFR §5.5 – COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

(a) Before any motion picture may be filmed or any television production or sound track may be made by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel, written permission must first be obtained from the Superintendent.

(b) Taking photographs of any vehicle or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising without a written permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

**(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.**

### **36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES**

**Such activities are prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States.**

### **CCTV Use Policy**

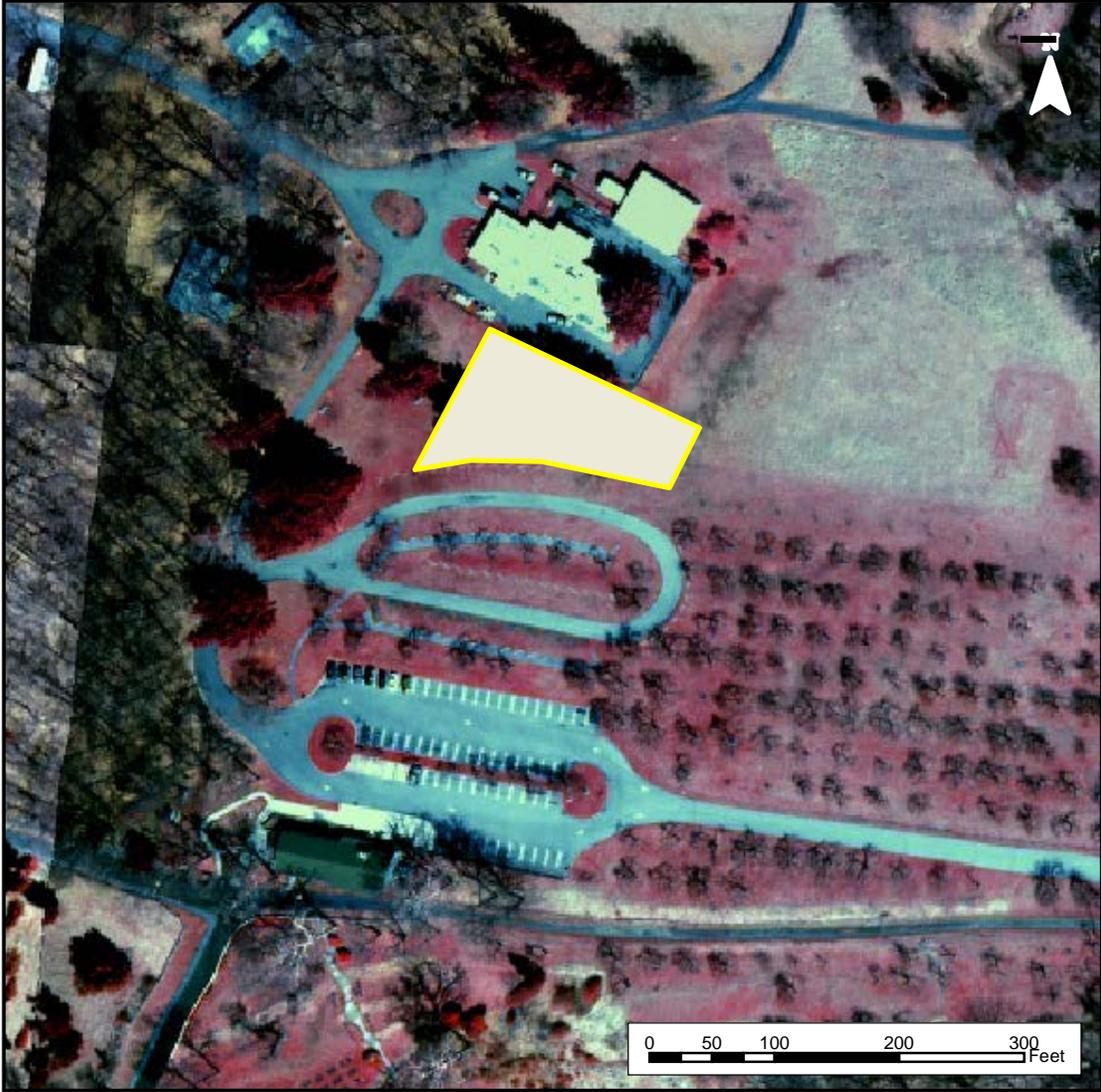
**The National Park Service’s use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for law enforcement and security purposes will only be to visually monitor public park areas and public activities where no constitutionally protected reasonable expectation of privacy exists. Such CCTV use – which will have adequate privacy and First Amendment safeguards – will be to help ensure public safety and security; facilitate the detection, investigation, prevention and deterrence of terrorist attack and crime; help ensure the safety of citizens and officers; help assist in the proper allocation and deployment of law enforcement and public safety resources; help facilitate the protection of the innocent and the apprehension and prosecution of criminals.**

**This policy does not restrict the official use of CCTV in government administrative areas including administrative buildings, jail holding facilities, revenue collection sites, etc, where the government may record/monitor its facilities. For example, the government may perform unrestricted video/audio recording at revenue collection points (entrance stations, visitor center counters, etc). This policy does not restrict the use of Mobile Audio/Video Recording Equipment (MVAR) in patrol vehicles driven by commissioned rangers; that use is addressed in other policy documents. *RM-9, Chapter 26, Section 1.***

*This information included as required by RM-9, Chapter 26, Section 3.6*

COMPENDIUM APPENDIX A  
36 CFR 2.51

Designated Location for Public Assemblies



Designated area is outlined by polygon.

COMPENDIUM APPENDIX B  
36 CFR 2.52

Designated Location for the Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter



Designated area is outlined by polygon.

**COMPENDIUM APPENDIX C  
36 CFR 2.60**

**Designated Locations for Livestock Use and Agricultural Activities**

Livestock use and agricultural activities may be conducted in areas designated on the map in Appendix C as Agricultural Fields 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16.

